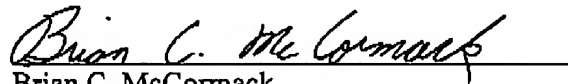


that the present case is in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO allow the claims and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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